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1. INCLUSION OF LANGUAGE (REFTEL A) ON CONSISTENCY
"WITH RELEVANT AGREED CONCLUSIONS AND DECISIONS AS ADOPTED
ON THIS SUBJECT IN FRAMEWORK OF COMPETENT INTERNATIONAL
ORGANIZATIONS" IS HELPFUL IN DEALING WITH TEMPORARY
NATURE OF GSP FROM VANTAGE POINT OF PRESENT U.S. COMMIT-
MENT.

2. HOWEVER, FINAL SENTENCE IN TEXT PROPOSING THAT DC'S
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ENDEAVOR TO AVOID MEASURES HAVING NEGATIVE EFFECT ON

DEVELOPMENT PROMOTED BY GSP AND OTHER DIFFERENTIAL MEASURES' WOULD ESTABLISH PRESUMPTIVE ARGUMENT THAT US IS COMMITTED TO TRY TO CONTINUE GSP UNTIL IT NO LONGER IS NEEDED TO PROMOTE DEVELOPMENT. ALSO, ALTHOUGH NEW LANGUAGE DOES PROVIDE SLIGHTLY GREATER FLEXIBILITY WITH RESPECT TO GSP MARGINS OF PREFERENCE ISSUE, IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT TO ARGUE THAT EFFECTIVE ELIMINATION OF VALUE OF GSP VIA SUBSEQUENT MFN TRADE NEGOTIATIONS WOULD BE CONSISTENT WITH ENDEAVOR SET FORTH IN PROPOSED TEXT.

3. ACCORDINGLY, WE PROPOSE U.S. DEL SEEK AGREEMENT ON CHANGING LAST SENTENCE OF TEXT TO READ "CONSISTENT WITH THE UNDERSTANDING THAT GSP AND CERTAIN OTHER DIFFERENTIAL MEASURES IN FAVOR OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES ARE WARRANTED AS TEMPORARY DEPARTURES FROM OVERALL APPROACH TO TRADE EXPANSION AND LIBERALIZATION ON AN MFN BASIS, DEVELOPED COUNTRIES SHOULD ENDEAVOR TO AVOID MEASURES WHICH WILL NEGATE THE INTENDED PURPOSE OF AGREED MEASURES FAVORING THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. RUSH

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